

## LOCAL MATTERS.

**The Weather Probabilities.** August 26, 1881.  
For the Middle Atlantic States fair weather, with mostly southerly, stationary or light breeze, temperature, lower pressure.

**FESTIVITIES AT THE FAUXER SPRINGS.** A large number of people left here on the Virginia Midland Railway train, yesterday morning, to attend the grand tournament which took place near the Fauquier White Sulphur Springs later in the day. Over two thousand persons witnessed the tournament, which was participated in by knights from Maryland, as well as Virginia. The Maryland horses were shipped to Warrenton the day before. The judges were Gen. Joseph E. Johnson, of Virginia, Gen. Charles W. Field, of Washington city, and Judge Robert Ford, of Maryland. A. T. Brook, of Prince George's county, Md., was chief marshal. The successful knights were D. A. Turner, Knight of the Red Cross, who crowned Miss Ella Armstrong, of Baltimore, queen. N. J. Jones, Knight of Marlboro, C. H. Jarboe, Knight of Annapolis, R. S. Cooper, Knight of Warrenton, were the other successful knights. The first three were from Prince George's county, Md. Twenty knights rode, and the contest was not decided until dark. The successful knights were presented with prizes by Mr. Tenney, proprietor of the springs. Among those present from Alexandria were Messrs. Lawrence Stabler, Albert Bryan, Arthur Snowden and others. To-day a simple chess took place, and the festivities will wind up tomorrow night with a grand masquerade ball. The hope given by Mr. Geo. B. Cochran, of Salem, on Wednesday night, was largely attended and passed off most delightfully.

**POLICE NEWS.**—Henry Martin and George Noward, the first for an assault on Mr. Phillips, because he refused to lend him five cents, having failed to raise the fine assessed against him, yesterday, have both been sent to jail, subject to the chain gang. George Hall, the colored man, after being whipped yesterday, for sending out from Wm. Gray, was sent to the chain gang for the non-payment of the costs in the case. Hall is the first negro man known who was taken to jail in the summer time. It is a common thing for negro men, and women, too, to attempt to get out of jail in cold weather.

The Mayor held before him this morning the case of a woman, colored, charged with abusing Little Chester, also colored. The complaint failing to appear, Little was discharged.

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**EXCURSIONS.**—The excursion of the Alexandria Musical Association last night was a most pleasant affair. The music, both by the association and orchestra, under the leadership of Prof. Au, was very much enjoyed. The excursionists returned about 2 o'clock this morning.

The excursion of the Alexandria Light Infantry to Glymont yesterday was very largely attended. The shooting for the Bockham prize between teams from the Washington Light Infantry and United States Corps, of the District of Columbia, and the Alexandria Light Infantry commenced at Glymont about 1 o'clock, with Colonel Moore and Captain Thompson, of Washington, and Captain McHenry, of this city, as referees, and Mr. Sumner, of Washington, as umpire, and continued the greater part of the evening.

A large colored excursion party from Gordonsville, Orange and Culpeper arrived here over the Virginia Midland Railway this morning. The party spent a large portion of the day visiting the places of interest in this city, and then proceeded to Washington by boat and cars.

**PERSONAL.**—Major W. C. Potter, of St. John's Academy Cadet Corps, returned from Front Royal last night, where he has been for several weeks past in attendance upon the sessions of the State Normal Institute. The Institute closes today and the Professors will spend the remainder of their vacation at the Greenbrier White Sulphur Springs. The Alexandria teachers at the Institute presented Miss M. Frances Bovey, the teacher of education with a handsome floral ship, which was greatly admired, made by Mr. John Slater, of this city.

Mr. R. J. Paine, H. and family returned from the Greenbrier White Sulphur Springs last night.

Ex Mayor General H. Smith left for Springfield, Mo., yesterday.

Miss Ella Boone returned from Columbia county, N. York, last night.

Miss Fannie Webb is quite ill at the residence of her parents, on DuPont street.

**CONTRACT AWARDED.**—The Committee on Public Property of the City Council, Mr. J. V. Peck, chairman, this morning awarded the contract for furnishing twenty tons of egg coal and twenty five tons of stove coal for the use of the corporation, the coal to be of the best quality of white ash, and to be delivered at the Market building at such times and in such quantities as may be desired, to Messrs. P. J. Mahaffey & Co.

**A PAINFUL ACCIDENT.**—A B. B. Betty, colored, was at work assisting in unloading coal from a schooner lying at Mr. Wm. A. Smoot's wharf, yesterday evening, a large tumbler block, used in hoisting the coal out of the hold of the vessel, fell from the mast, a considerable distance above, and striking him on the arm, laid open the large muscle. The injured man was placed in a wagon and driven to the office of Dr. Lewis, where he received surgical aid.

**FLAGS ON THE CUSTOM HOUSE.**—A flag pole has been erected on the Custom House of this city, from which, during business hours, are displayed a United States and a regular custom house flag. It is understood that it is the order of the Secretary of the Treasury that the National and custom house flags must be displayed from all custom houses during business hours.

**FUNERAL.**—The funeral of Mr. Lydia B. Hurdle, whose death was announced yesterday's Gazette, took place this afternoon, and was largely attended.

**THEATRICAL NOTES.**—Fay Templeton's company booked for Amory Hall September 1; Frank S. Chaffin and wife for October 1 and Fred Partridge for November, and Oliver D. Byron for January, 1882.

**ATTENTION.**—Parties desiring to have St. John's Academy uniform suits made would do well to have their orders at once.

**S. WATERMAN & SONS.**  
91 King Street.

**Wicked for Clergymen.**  
Rev. —, Washington, D. C., writes: I believe it to be all wrong and even wicked for clergymen or other public men to be led into giving testimonials to quick doctors or vile studies called medicines, but when a really meritorious article made of valuable remedies known to all, that all physicians use and trust in daily, we should freely commend it. I therefore cheerfully and heartily commend the "Black Draught," which they have done so, and my friends, I believe they have no equal for family use. I will not be without them. —New York Baptist Weekly.

**"WINE OF CARDUI"** cures irregular, painful, or difficult menstruation.  
For sale by F. S. Leach & Co.

**ASK YOUR GROCER FOR THE ALEXANDRIA BROOM.**  
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## LOCAL BREVITIES.

The City School Board meets to night.  
The Alexandria Game Protective Association meets to night.

Rev. Mr. Sharp, of Grace Church, will address the Alexandria Reform Club to night.

Painters are in demand in Alexandria. One employer says he will give, for good work men, 25 cents advance on the regular wages.

Mrs. E. E. Dowham left yesterday, accompanied by Mr. Henry Green, for a visit to friends in Elmer, N. J.

Two boats left Cumberland Wednesday, carrying 208 tons of coal, for the Hampshire and Baltimore Coal Company at this port.

The Committee on Streets of the City Council, at a meeting a few nights ago, authorized Superintendent of Police Coleman to continue the work of repaving the square on Royal street, between King and Cameron.

Mr. J. H. Goodrich had his right hand caught in the machinery at the shop of C. H. Collins, yesterday evening, and two fingers on the hand were severed. Dr. Kipstein rendered surgical aid.

The democrats of Mt. Vernon district have in circulation a very complimentary card, in which the claims of Mr. Geo. Mason as a candidate for the Virginia Legislature are strongly urged.

The County Court, Judge James Sangster presiding, met to-day to receive the Treasurer's list of delinquent county tax payers. The Board of Supervisors met to receive the examination of the list the Court adjourned till Monday next.

Information having been received at police headquarters that the gold watch stolen from the residence of Mr. J. B. Burgess, in this city, Wednesday morning last, had been recovered in Washington, officer Pat. Hayes went to that city this morning after it, and to collect information in regard to the robbery.

Alexandria Washington Lodge of Masons met last night and appointed a committee to make enquiries in regard to the proposed visit of the Masons of this city to the Yorktown Centennial Celebration in October next. The committee will report the expense of the trip, the number of Masons going, &c., at the next meeting of the Lodge.

Only a few more opportunities will be offered the public to visit the O. C. Falls on the steamer Mary Washington. As she is expected to leave these waters soon, and as she is the only boat capable of making the trip, it will be seen that all those who have not as yet visited the place in person and all desiring to revisit it will do well to embrace these last opportunities.

The meeting held at Walker's school house, in Arlington District, Alexandria county, last night, to receive the report of a committee appointed to enquire into the cause of the recent fire at the residence of Mr. J. B. Burgess, was well attended. Mr. Burgess made an address, showing that there had been an increase of taxes of only 1 percent, on the \$100 on the assessment of 1877. After some spirited discussion a resolution of thanks to Mr. Austin for the clear statement made by him, was adopted, and the meeting adjourned.

**NEWS OF THE DAY.**  
Mr. Jacob Ball, stone, an old resident of Baltimore, died yesterday.

The Little Steamer, a large British bark, arrived here to-day to Capt. P. B. Hoar, to load grain for Europe.

In England there are 186 towns, each of which has 10,000 inhabitants or more, which have no representation in Parliament.

The fine residence of Mr. Wm. H. DuPont, at Green Hill, near Wilmington, Del., was entirely destroyed by fire on an early hour yesterday morning. Loss about \$10,000.

Five of the Indian chiefs, who have recently been in Washington, passed through Haglers-town yesterday en route for Carlisle. They intend visiting the Indian school at the Carlisle barracks before they return to the West.

Preparations on a grand scale are being made for the Grand Trunk Tri-state Picnic and Exhibition next week at Mechanicsburg, Pa., which will be participated in by the people of Virginia, West Virginia and Pennsylvania.

Mayor Killech, of San Francisco, has announced himself as a candidate for Congress at the next election. Killech has already achieved enough notoriety of a questionable sort, and it is scarcely to be hoped that the national councils of the country will be spared the infliction of his presence.

Capt. H. W. Howgate, charged with obtaining a large sum of money from the government upon fraudulent vouchers while connected with the United States signal service, made an assignment of his property to indemnify his sureties. After this deed was executed an attachment was issued at the instance of the government, and a writ made upon all the real estate owned by Capt. Howgate in Washington. It is now claimed that the government has acquired a prior lien, and if Capt. Howgate fails to put in appearance, his case will be called in the Criminal Court, his sureties will become responsible for the \$40,000 in which he is held, and will have no remedy under their deed of indemnity, until the claim of the United States in the civil suit for the amount of the alleged defalcation, which is said to exceed \$100,000, is fully satisfied.

The U. S. vessel Ticonderoga, which has just arrived at New York, with dispatches to the Navy Department, says she stopped at Pitcairns Island in the Pacific Ocean, and took on fruit and vegetables from the natives, and that not a single one of the famous British mutineers or of their descendants remains upon the Island. The Ticonderoga also encountered icebergs in rounding Cape Horn. Dispatches from the U. S. vessel Alliance, now off the coast of Norway, said last winter was one of the coldest on record. She has a description of the phenomena printed in the Norwegian language and distributed among the fishermen on the northern coast of that country.

**TRY THEM—DELICIOUS FRESH DEVILED CRABS** just received at McBurney's.  
A and ginger of "BLACK-DRAUGHT" free of charge.  
For sale by F. S. Leach & Co.

**RASS & CO'S ALE and DOBBLIN STOUT** just received at McBurney's.

**TWO OF THREE SINGLE GENTLEMEN** can be accommodated with board in a private family. Address C. Gazette office.

**ALEXANDRIA PREPARATORY SCHOOL.**  
Mrs. SARAH L. PADGETT, Principal.

Will re-open on MONDAY, September 5th. Terms made known by applying at the residence of the Principal, R. K. corner Duke and Lee streets.

**FERTILIZING CHEMICALS.**  
Farmers save your money by making your own fertilizers. Janney's Formula, No. 10, contains:  
30 lbs Pure Dissolved Slaughter House Bones.  
150 lbs Sulphate Potash.  
25 lbs Sulphate Magnesia.  
15 lbs Sulphate Ammonia. Price \$10.

The above Formula to be mixed with sufficient dry mud or manure to make one ton in weight, and applied with a drill, 200 to 300 pounds to the acre. We have been selling the above for several years, and with entire satisfaction to all who have used it.

**JANNEY & CO., Druggists.**  
79 and 102 King street, Alexandria, Va.  
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**The U. & O. R. R.—Gen. Wickham.** Vice President of the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad, is going out to the Kanawha Valley with the view of going over, with the engineers, the proposed route of extension with the Chesapeake and Ohio railway and the Hocking Valley railroad at Gallipolis. It is the purpose of the company to put a large force at work upon this extension so as to complete it at the earliest practicable day.

Mr. Wilbur K. Weisger was found dead in his bed, in Richmond, yesterday morning. He had an attack of cholera morbus and took cholera reform for relief, but whether he took too overdose or not is not known.

The drought throughout Rockingham is assuming a serious aspect and fears are being entertained that the corn crop will be very materially damaged.

Mr. Jesse F. Keene, one of the oldest citizens of Richmond, died yesterday, in the 82nd year of his age.

Col. Thomas Smith and J. V. Brooke, of Fauquier, have been appointed Democratic canvassers for the State at large.

Gen. Fitz Lee and Judge Keith, of the Fauquier circuit, were in Luray last week.

## MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

Business affairs during the week have been about as the week previous. The activity in the grain market continues, and the receipts, though fair, fall short of the demand considerably. The drought is having a most disastrous effect, and the tobacco and corn crops will undoubtedly be short in many instances almost total failures. The water in the canal is also very low, impeding to a great extent navigation, and causing a scarcity of coal for shipment. The money markets are quiet, and the recently feared stringency in the principal centers has been obviated by anticipating the redemption of \$30,000,000 of the five per cent bonds due in October. Our banks are in a condition to meet all demands, and on good security there is no trouble in making loans. In Baltimore the offering of loanable funds is decidedly less liberal, and rates at bank are up to sharp 6 per cent, with a close scrutiny as to the character of the security. Negotiations are occasionally made with individuals or private corporations on a shade easier terms. In the New York money market 50 per cent was the ruling quotation yesterday for call loans, time loans and prime mercantile paper. Government bonds were heavy yesterday, owing to the unfavorable news from Washington, and at the close 4 1/2 per cent were quoted 3 and 4 per cent 1 per cent lower. The extended 5s and 4s closed 1/2 per cent lower. Virginia consols were weak and lower, opening at 79 1/2 and declining to 78 1/2, closing at 78 1/2. The 10 40s opened 1/2 lower, selling at 62 1/2, but subsequently improved slightly, ending at 62 1/2; pebbles were nominal at 62. Railroad securities are quiet and dull.

**WHOLESALE PRICES OF PRODUCE, &c.**  
Flour, Fine..... \$4 00 @ 5 00  
Superior..... 5 00 @ 6 00  
Extra..... 6 00 @ 7 00  
Family..... 7 00 @ 8 00  
Fancy brands..... 8 00 @ 9 00  
Wheat, common to fair..... 1 25 @ 1 50  
Good to prime..... 1 50 @ 1 75  
Choice..... 1 75 @ 2 00  
Corn, white..... 0 72 @ 0 73  
Mixed..... 0 71 @ 0 72  
Yellow..... 0 71 @ 0 72  
Corn Meal..... 0 48 @ 0 50  
Oats..... 0 25 @ 0 26  
Butter, prime..... 0 20 @ 0 22  
Common to middling..... 0 19 @ 0 21  
Eggs..... 0 17 @ 0 19  
Chicken, per doz..... 2 00 @ 2 25  
Potatoes per bushel..... 0 40 @ 0 45  
Onions, per bushel..... 1 25 @ 1 40  
Dried Peaches, per doz..... 0 12 @ 0 15  
Unpeeled..... 0 8 @ 0 10  
Dried Cherries..... 0 16 @ 0 17  
Dried Apples..... 0 4 @ 0 5  
Hacon..... 0 12 @ 0 14  
Best sugar cured Hams..... 0 15 @ 0 16  
Butcher's Lard..... 0 12 @ 0 13  
Sides..... 0 11 @ 0 12  
Shoulders..... 0 09 @ 0 10  
Lard Calves..... 0 4 @ 0 5  
Veal Calves..... 0 4 @ 0 5  
Herring, Eastern, per bushel..... 4 00 @ 4 50  
Potomac..... 5 00 @ 6 00  
Family..... 10 00 @ 10 00  
Do half barrels..... 5 00 @ 6 00  
Shad, River, per barrel..... 2 25 @ 2 50  
Pistach, ground, per doz..... 4 50 @ 5 00  
Ground, in bags..... 6 75 @ 7 00  
Lump..... 3 00 @ 3 50  
Clover Seed..... 6 25 @ 6 50  
Timothy..... 3 10 @ 3 25  
Said, O. A. (Liverpool)..... 1 00 @ 1 20  
Fine..... 1 45 @ 1 60  
Turk's Island..... 0 45 @ 0 55  
Wool, long unwashed..... 0 25 @ 0 30  
Washed..... 0 25 @ 0 30  
Merino, unwashed..... 0 25 @ 0 30  
Do, washed..... 0 25 @ 0 30  
Sunderland..... 0 25 @ 0 30  
Hay, old..... 14 00 @ 16 00  
New..... 10 00 @ 11 00  
Cut..... 22 00 @ 25 00  
Wheat, per ton..... 20 00 @ 21 00  
White Middlings..... 22 00 @ 23 00  
White Bran..... 23 00 @ 24 00  
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12 1/2; good 1 1/2, and prime 1 1/2.

**NEW YORK CATTLE MARKET.** Aug. 25.—Beef—No. 1 steers in live cattle. Dressed beef ruled at 65 1/2 per lb for native sides, and 64 1/2 per lb for Texas and Colorado do. Calves the pens were cleared early at fair prices, or 2 1/2 per lb for grass, 4 1/2 per lb for butter milk, 4 per lb for calves, and 6 1/2 per lb for veal—a few extra selections exceeding these figures. Sheep and Lambs—Sheep were in fair demand at about former prices, but lambs were slow of sale and from 1 1/2 per lb lower in price, and several car loads remained unsold at the finish. Sheep sold at 4 1/2 per lb for common to good, and lambs at 5 1/2 per lb for ordinary to good, with one lot of Jersey at \$7 10 per 100 lbs. Hogs—Market steady at 6 1/2 to 6 3/4 per 100 lbs for corn-fed western hogs.

**BALTIMORE CATTLE MARKET.** Aug. 25.—Beef—Cattle—New York market reported 250 per hundred for all grades save prime. Sheep and Lambs—Few sales have been effected since our last report; these at prices about the same. Nothing received since, and something over 100 head on hand.

Hogs—Trade has been dull since Monday, some 700 head remaining unsold, whilst only a couple of car loads have been received. We quote 5 1/2 for corn-hogs; grassers can scarcely be sold at any price.

**CHICAGO CATTLE MARKET.** Aug. 25.—Hogs—General demand good and market firm; poor stock weak; grassers almost unsalable; mixed heavy 6 1/2 to 7 1/2; light 6 1/2 to 6 3/4; choice heavy 6 3/4 to 7 1/2. Cattle—Market dull but steady; exports 6 1/2 to 7 1/2; good to choice shipping 5 1/2 to 6 1/2; common to fair very dull at 4 1/2 to 5 1/2; native butchers' slow; veal calves 1 1/2 to 2 1/2; sheep—Market easier; common to medium 2 1/2 to 3 1/2; good to choice 3 1/2 to 4 1/2.

**CINCINNATI HOG MARKET.** Aug. 25.—Hogs—quint; common and light 4 1/2 to 5 1/2; packing 6 1/2 to 7 1/2.

**PORT OF ALEXANDRIA.**  
MINIATURE ALMANAC, AUG. 26, 1881.  
Sun rises..... 5 25 1/2  
Sun sets..... 6 38  
ARRIVED.

Sir Lady of the Lake, Norfolk, to F. A. Reed, Sir Matiano, lower Potomac, to J. Brothers & Co. Sir T. V. Arrowmith, lower Potomac, to Potomac Ferry Company.  
Bark Leticia Stewart, (Br.) Hampton Roads, to P. B. Hoar, to load grain for Europe.  
Schr Alfred Keene, Windsor, N. S., to Wm A. Smoot.

Schr Mallory, New York, to Wm A. Smoot. Schr Christine Wright, Philadelphia, to Wm A. Smoot. Schr William & James, Philadelphia, to Wm A. Smoot. Schr Annie V. Bergen, New York, to Burgess & Co.